



# **PSC NEWS**

## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC APPROVES TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT**

Jefferson City (March 17, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a territorial agreement between The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative which designates the boundaries of each electric supplier within a residential development known as Canyon Springs of Branson near Branson, Missouri.

The joint applicants state the territorial agreement is in the public interest because it will prevent future duplication of electric service facilities and will also allow electric service customers within the area to know with certainty the supplier of their electric service. The territorial agreement does not require the transfer of any facilities or customers.

The Commission approved the territorial agreement stating in its order: "The Commission finds that approval of the territorial agreement signed by Empire (The Empire District Electric Company) and White River (White River Valley Electric Cooperative) would avoid future duplication of facilities. The Commission finds that the Empire and White River are capable of adequately and safely providing the electric power supply, service, and maintenance needs of the customers in their service areas as designated in the proposed territorial agreement. The Commission further finds that the overall effect of the proposed territorial agreement would not be harmful to ratepayers, that the agreement would promote efficiency."

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